BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-628-T - ORDER NO. 94-25

JANUARY 7, 1994

IN RE: Proposal to Amend

Liability Insurance

ORDER PROMULGATING COMMISSION

STAFF'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO

) MOTOR CARRIER LIABILITY

INSURANCE REGULATIONS

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Commission Staff's (the Staff's) request to amend the minimum insurance liability limits for motor carriers. The Staff's proposed changes are attached as Appendix A to this Order. The Staff has informed the Commission that its proposed changes were properly noticed in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §1-23-110 (Supp. 1992) and that no written comments were received.

After review and consideration of the Staff's proposed changes to its motor carrier liability insurance regulations, the Commission concludes that the proposed changes should be promulgated. Accordingly, the Commission directs the Staff to

^{1.} This Appendix was submitted to the General Assembly as the Proposed Regulation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. $\S1-23-110$ (Supp. 1992).

submit its proposed changes to the General Assembly for approval. IT IS SO ORDERED.

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHAPTER 103

Statutory Authority: S. C. CODE ANN. Section 58-23-10 to -1830 (as amended)

Synopsis: These increases in the minimum liability limits for motor carriers are proposed in order to better protect the public. These minimum liability limits reflect the limits, where available, which are imposed on interstate motor carriers by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Instructions:

Substitute the following text for current Reg. 103-172.

Text: 103-172. Schedule of Minimum Limits.

Insurance policies and surety bonds for bodily injury and property damage will have limits of liability not less than the following:

MOTOR CARRIERS	KIND	LIABILITY	LIMITS
OF EQUIPMENT &	CAPACITY		

PASSENGER

7 OR LESS	\$100,000 per person/
	\$300,000 per incident
8 TO 15	\$1,500,000 per incident
16 OR MORE	\$5,000,000 per incident

FREIGHT (All motor vehicles used in the transportation of property.)

1. 10,000 or more pounds GVWR.

a.	NON-HAZARDOUS	\$	750,000	per	incident
b.	HAZARDOUS	\$5,	,000,000	per	incident

(Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8; Class A or B explosives; liquefied compressed gas or compressed gas; or highway route controlled radioactive materials as defined in 49 CFR 171.455.)

c. HAZARDOUS \$1,000,000 per incident

(Oil listed in 49 CFR 171.101; hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR 171.101 but not mentioned in 1.(b) or 2.(b).)

2. LESS THAN 10,000 POUNDS GVWR.

a. NON-HAZARDOUS b. HAZARDOUS \$ 300,000 per incident \$5,000,000 per incident

(Any quantity of Class A or B explosives; or highway route controlled quantity radioactive materials as defined in 49 CFR 173.455.)

Notice of Public Hearing:

If requested in writing by November 30, 1993, the Commission may schedule a public hearing in which interested persons may express their views regarding these proposed regulations. The Commission has tentatively scheduled a hearing for January 12, 1994, at 10:30 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina. Persons wishing to submit their views or request a hearing should address their comments to Charles W. Ballentine, Executive Director, Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Post Office Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement:

The Public Service Commission does not anticipate any fiscal impact on the State or on any of its political subdivisions with the implementation of these regulations.